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1. A safety razor blade unit comprising a guard, a cap, and a group of three blades with parallel sharpened edges located between the guard and cap, the first blade defining the edge nearest the guard having an exposure not greater than zero, and the third blade defining the edge nearest the cap having an exposure of not less than zero.

2. A safety razor blade unit according to claim 1, wherein the exposure of the first blade has a negative value and is not less than -0.2mm.

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3. A safety razor blade unit according to claim 2, wherein the span between the first blade edge and the guard is in the range of 0.5mm to 1.5mm.

4. A safety razor blade unit according to claim 1, wherein the exposure of the first blade is substantially equal to -0.04mm.

5. A safety razor blade unit according to claim 1, wherein the exposure of the third blade has a positive value not greater than +0.2mm.

6. A safety razor blade unit according to claim 1, wherein the span between the edge of the third blade and the edge of the second blade is in the range of 1.0 to 2.0mm.

7. A safety razor blade unit according to claim 1, wherein the span between the edge of the second blade and the edge of the first blade is in the range of 1.0 to 2.0mm.

8. A safety razor blade unit according to claim 1, wherein the span between the edges of the first and second blades and/or between the edges of the second and third blades is substantially equal to 1.5mm.

9. A safety razor blade unit according to

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claim 1, wherein the second blade has an exposure not less than the exposure of the first blade and not greater than the exposure of the third blade.

10. A safety razor blade unit according to claim 9, wherein the exposure of the second blade is substantially equal to zero.

11. A safety razor blade unit according to claim 1, wherein the exposure of the third blade has a positive value substantially equal in magnitude to the negative value of the exposure of the first blade.

12. A safety razor blade unit according to
~~any one of claims 1 to 11,~~ ^{claim 1} wherein the span
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 substantially smaller than the span between the
 edges of the first and second blades and the
 span between the edges of the second and third
 blades.